NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS 2022 Annual Meeting

To: District Supervisors, Partners and Friends

Re: Registration for the 78th Annual Meeting of the

North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center

RTP, North Carolina January 9-11, 2022

I would like to invite everyone to the 78th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. For complete meeting information, please visit the website – http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/professional development/NCASWCDAnnualMeeting.html. Below are a few details to help you with travel plans and registration:

- The Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center is the ideal site for the meeting and the facility can accommodate our crowd of 500 people. The hotel has provided a room rate of \$122 plus tax. The cutoff date for this rate is December 13th (as long as rooms remain available in the block). Your reservations can be made online https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1628528123194&key=GRP&app=resvlink, or by calling 1.800.325.3535 and asking for the "NCASWCD 2022" block.
- 2. The registration form is available online. Please complete the registration form indicating the activities you plan to attend and submit; please note separate tickets must be purchased for guests. Additional detailed instructions on completing this form are attached. In addition to payment by check, we are offering online payments by credit card (through PayPal you do not have to have a PayPal account to take advantage of this payment option). Please note, the Executive Committee has determined that where online registrations are not confirmed with payment by December 8 (for checks, postmark date), registrations will be cancelled (excluding registrations that are expected from government check or payment). The Executive Committee has determined that all attendees (except spouses, guests of the NCASWCD, and other visitors) will be expected to pay registration fees. The pre-registration deadline is December 1, 2021.
- 3. Pre-registration is \$110.00 before December 1, 2021. Late registration will be \$140.00 on or after December 2, 2021; those that register on or after December 2 will be offered the option to register online and pay by credit card, or register at the meeting site and make payment at the registration desk. Two special registration packages are offered for 2022; REGISTRATION PACKAGE for \$220.00 will include registration fees and three meals one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner. Meals will include the Supervisors' Breakfast on Monday; the Legislative Luncheon on Monday; and the Tuesday NCASWCD Banquet. For those that wish to purchase meals individually, Supervisors will only be reimbursed at state rates for separate meals. Late fees are not reimbursable.
- 4. The District Employee's Association is encouraging Supervisors to join them for their Luncheon. To enable us to make appropriate plans for meal counts, please register for this meal on the registration form.
- 5. If you are submitting registration forms for more than one person, please submit these separately. Each registration packet at the meeting will be under the registered attendee's name.
- 6. Refunds will be granted for requests received by January 1, 2022 (a cancellation form is available on the website; please fill this out, print and return by email to the address listed on the form). Refund requests received after January 1 will require approval by the NCASWCD Executive Committee for emergency situations; please contact Kristina Fischer (910.352.7771)

as soon as possible if you know you will not attend the meeting; adjustments may be made to the meal count numbers for the hotel. All refunds will be paid after the 2022 Annual Meeting.

I hope to see you at the 78th NCASWCD Annual Meeting.

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Visit the Annual Meeting website through the above mentioned link
- 2. Click the "Online Registration" link in the highlights box on the left side of the main screen
- 3. Fill out registration information items marked with an * are required
- 4. After reviewing items to be submitted, click the "Submit" box at the bottom of the screen
- 5. The message "Thank you for registering" will display
- 6. A confirmation email / invoice will be sent to the email address you provided
- 7. Two options for payment are available for 2022:
 - a. Payment by credit card using PayPal
 - i. follow the link provided on the email invoice
 - ii. enter a "Price per item" to match the total amount of your registration selections; leave the Quantity as 1
 - iii. either use an existing PayPal account, or choose "Pay with a Debit or Credit Card" to provide contact details and payment information to check out as a guest
 - iv. you may indicate that your "shipping address" is the same as your "billing address", no items will be shipped
 - v. please do not indicate any "special instructions" in PayPal checkout, but rather, contact meeting organizers directly
 - b. <u>Payment by che</u>ck
 - i. print two copies of the email invoice (one copy for your files and one copy to return with payment)
 - ii. mail a copy of the email invoice to the address listed:

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- iii. payment should be mailed within 7 days of registering online, and postmarked by December 8 to avoid cancellation
- 8. Questions??? Contact Kristina Fischer at 910.352.7771